

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A fuel ~~supply system for a fuel~~ injection device including a fuel injection unit ~~provided with a plurality of fuel injection members, comprising:~~ and a fuel supply system supplying fuel to the fuel injection unit, the fuel injection unit comprising:

a plurality of fuel injection members including a first fuel injection member disposed in a center of the fuel injection unit and an annular second fuel injection member surrounding the first fuel injection member, each of the fuel injection members having a port through which fuel is injected;

an atomizing mechanism configured to atomize fuel which is injected from the fuel injection members; and

a mixing duct surrounding the fuel injection members and the atomizing mechanism,

wherein annular air passages for combustion air are formed between the first fuel injection member and the annular second fuel injection member, and between the annular second injection member and the mixing duct, so that fuel is atomized and mixed with the combustion air flowing through the annular air passages by means of the atomizing mechanism,

the fuel supply system comprising:

a holding-and-supplying unit configured to hold the fuel injection unit and supply fuel to each of the fuel injection members of the fuel injection unit; and

a connecting-and-supplying unit configured to connect the plurality of fuel injection members to the holding-and-supplying unit,

wherein fuel supply passages are formed in the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit so as to extend from the holding-and-supplying unit through the connecting-and-supplying unit to the fuel injection ~~members, and~~ members,

~~wherein the fuel injection members comprise a first fuel injection member and an annular second fuel injection member surrounding the first fuel injection member.~~

wherein the fuel supply passages of the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit are connected to each other via a connecting piece having a hollow cylinder shape, the connecting piece being fitted in a liquid-tight fashion into recesses respectively formed in joining surfaces of the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit,

wherein the connecting-and-supplying unit includes a cylindrical member disposed in a center of the connecting-and-supplying unit and having a front end joined to the first fuel injection member, an annular member concentrically surrounding the cylindrical member and having a front end joined to the second fuel injection member, a plate-shaped first connecting member connecting the annular member to the holding-and-supplying unit, a second connecting member connecting the cylindrical member and the annular member to each other, and a mixing duct holding member holding the mixing duct on the annular member, all of the cylindrical member, the annular member, the plate-shaped first connecting member, the second connecting member, and the mixing duct holding member being integrally formed.

4. (Previously Presented) A fuel supply system for a fuel injection device including a fuel injection unit provided with a plurality of fuel injection members, comprising:

a holding-and-supplying unit configured to hold the fuel injection unit and supply fuel to each of the fuel injection members of the fuel injection unit; and

a connecting-and-supplying unit configured to connect the plurality of fuel injection members to the holding-and-supplying unit,

wherein fuel supply passages are formed in the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit so as to extend from the holding-and-supplying unit to the fuel injection member, and

wherein portions of the fuel supply passages formed in the connecting-and-supplying unit are formed so as to overlap each other with respect to a flowing direction of combustion air.

5-6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A fuel injection device comprising the fuel supply system according to claim 4.

8-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The fuel ~~supply system~~ injection device according to claim 3, wherein the plurality of fuel injection members further ~~comprise~~ comprise an annular third fuel injection member surrounding the annular second fuel injection member.

11. (New) A fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein portions of the fuel supply passages formed in the connecting-and-supplying unit are formed so as to overlap each other with respect to a flowing direction of combustion air.

12. (New) A fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein the connecting piece is fixed to the recesses of the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit with bonding materials.

13. (New) A fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein the mixing duct holding member is formed in a shape of a deformed letter L so as to have a thin horizontal part, a stepped part being formed in a front end part of the horizontal part, a base end part of the mixing duct being fixedly fitted in the stepped part of the mixing duct holding member.